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STOCKTON MAN CONVICTED OF RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CHRISTIAN CRAWFORD, 41, of Stockton, Calif., pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr. to receipt of child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department with assistance from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who prosecuted the case, San Joaquin County officials executed a search warrant at CRAWFORD's residence in May 2007. During a forensic search of his computer, detectives found several folders with individual girls' names on them. One folder was labeled with the first name of a 14-year-old girl in Florida.

Upon opening this folder, detectives found 19 photographs of this girl engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including pictures of her taking a shower and other sexually suggestive poses. All of these photographs had been sent through the Internet by the girl from her home computer in Florida to the defendant in Stockton between December 2006 and May 2007.

CRAWFORD met Florida girl through an Internet instant messenger service. In their initial chat session, the girl told the defendant that she was 16 years old. During these chats, the defendant told the girl that he was 16 years old. After sending pictures of himself, he stated that he had lied and that he was really 19 years old. In truth, at the time that he was communicating with the girl, the defendant was 39 years old.

CRAWFORD faces no less than five years in prison and up to 20 years confinement, a fine of \$250,000, and a life term of supervised release. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. Sentencing is scheduled for December 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

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